CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A straight baton comprising:

a cap which releasably receives a light device with a light element;

multiple shaft sections including at least first, second, and third shaft sections; and

a striking end.

2. The straight baton according to claim 1, wherein said first, second, and third shaft sections are cylindrically shaped, and each shaft section has predetermined inner and outer diameters, a predetermined length, and opposing ends.

3. The straight baton according to claim 2, wherein the inner diameter of the first shaft section is larger than the outer diameter of the second shaft section, and the inner diameter of the second shaft section is larger than the outer diameter of the third shaft section, the first shaft section being configured to enable the second shaft section to releasably retract into or extend out of the first shaft section, and the second shaft section being configured to enable the third shaft section to releasably retract into or extend out of the second shaft section.

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4. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the cap includes a bulbous/mushroom shaped head which releasably receives the light device and the light element.

5. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein the cap has a threaded end for removably attaching the cap to a threaded end of the first shaft section, and the cap is configured for releasably receiving a battery power source to power the light element.

6. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein the head of the cap has a predetermined circular outer diameter that is larger than the predetermined outer diameter of the first shaft section of the baton to enable a user to maintain better retention of the baton if the baton is grabbed by a subject and pulled away from the user, and to aid the user in rapidly retrieving the baton when the baton is dropped.

7. The straight baton according to claim 4, wherein a portion of the head is transparent to allow the light element to emit light through the transparent portion of the head.

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8. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the first shaft section of the baton includes two ends, an aperture defined in a side of the first shaft section proximate one of the ends that is configured for releasably receiving a threaded end of the cap.

9. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the second shaft section of the baton includes two ends, an aperture defined in a side of the second shaft section proximate one of the ends, and a spring plunger mechanism configured to lock the second shaft section into an extended position via the aperture of the first shaft section when the second shaft section extends from the first shaft section.

10. The straight baton according to claim 9, further comprising split rings or O-rings to form a shock absorber stop mechanism for the baton when the baton is opened with force.

11. The straight baton according to claim 3, wherein the third shaft section of the baton includes two ends and a spring mechanism plunger mechanism configured to lock the third shaft section into an extended position via an aperture of the second shaft section when the third shaft section extends from the second shaft section.

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12. The straight baton according to claim 11, wherein one of the ends is threaded to releasably receive a threaded end of the striking end.

13. The straight baton according to claim 11, further comprising split rings or O-rings to form a shock absorber stop mechanism for the baton when the baton is opened with force.

14. The straight baton according to claim 1, wherein the striking end of the baton is made of metal and is configured without arcuate edges to prevent cutting/ripping of flesh, and includes a threaded end configured for releasably enaging with a threaded end of the third shaft section.

15. The straight baton according to claim 1, in combination with a side handle configured for being attached to a side of the straight baton, the side handle including a gripping portion and a stepped top with a canopy cover.

16. The straight baton according to claim 15, further comprising a spray canister and a connection device contained within the side handle, the spray canister being configured to carry a chemical eye irritant, and the connection device being configured to interconnect the side handle with the straight baton.

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17. The straight baton according to claim 16, further comprising a spray actuator attached to a top of the spray canister, the spray actuator including a base portion with an inner diameter form fitted for compressively receiving the top of the spray canister, and including an L-shaped channel contained within the gripping portion of the side handle.

18. The straight baton according to claim 17, wherein the spray actuator includes a safety flap, a built-in hinge point, and a squared off forward section.

19. The straight baton according to claim 18, wherein the L-shaped channel leads to a nozzle under the squared off forward section, the squared off forward section being configured to enable the spray actuator to be placed in the side handle in only one direction, and being configured to hold the spray actuator and the canister in place while inside the side handle to preclude dislodgement of the spray canister from the side handle, and the nozzle being configured to release fluid from the spray canister at a predetermined angle associated with a direction of light emitted from the light element of the baton.

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20. The straight baton according to claim 19, wherein the safety flap of the spray actuator remains in a down position until a user flips up the safety flap to access a push button on the spray actuator, and absence of force on the safety flap results in automatic closure of the safety flap.

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